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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

S I R :

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following claim amendments prior to examination on the merits of the present application.